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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

RESUMED FIFTH COMMITTEE (First part)

54th meeting

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group).

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement reform

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, to resume its consideration of the question of procurement reform at its second resumed fifty-third session.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to resume its consideration of the question of management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization at its next resumed fifty-third session, pending receipt of the relevant information to be provided by the Secretariat and by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Procurement-related arbitration

Integrated Management Information System

The representative of Australia, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.44.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.41.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic drew attention to a translation error under agenda items 112 and 113.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/61 (PART II)).

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Development Account

The representative of Bangladesh and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.42.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Germany (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Cyprus), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Guatemala, Japan, the United States, Pakistan and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these items.

Gratis personnel provided by governments

The representative of the Philippines and Coordinator of informal consultations on these items, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.43.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Cuba.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under agenda items 112 and 119.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Human resources management

The representative of Australia, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.45.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Germany (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States and Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement.

The representative of France drew attention to an omission in the French version of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 119.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to resume its consideration of this agenda item at its second resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the second resumed fifty-third session would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 28 May 1999.

Closure of the first part of the resumed fifty-third session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly

The Chairman declared the work of the Fifth Committee during the first resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly concluded.

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